

ALL OF DEFENDANTS ARE PROBABLY GUILTY

Cotton Gets Twenty Years, Holderfield Ten and Hopkins Two.

SECOND DEGREE MURDER

Men Charged With Killing Dr. Smith, of Richmond, in Raleigh.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., April 4.—Second degree murder was the verdict by the jury in the noted Smith murder trial this morning, and immediately following the verdict Judge Lyon imposed the sentences on the three defendants. He sentenced Earl Cotton to twenty years, Holderfield to ten years and Red Hopkins to two years in the penitentiary. The jury had recommended mercy as to "Red" Hopkins. The jury had been out since 10:30 o'clock Saturday night, and the verdict was taken at 10 o'clock this morning. Counsel for the defense had filed an appeal to the Supreme Court.

The conviction and sentence were for the murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, of Richmond, Va., Saturday night, November 13, in the tenderloin section of the city, the dead man having been found in the deep water of the city wharf of the city Sunday afternoon, November 14. The second degree verdict is on the ground that the three defendants were parties to administering chloroform to Dr. Smith to rob him. Then they conveyed him from Cotton's Red Light Cafe to the ledge of the rock quarry, where, it is believed, he revived some what and fell over the ledge to his death in the quarry.

The trial began last Monday, and required all the week, with two night sessions. Very large crowds constantly attended, and great interest manifested. Cotton is an on of a well-known physician of Raleigh, and Holderfield has for a long while been a member of the Raleigh military company, the officers of which gave him quite a good character in the trial.

Immediately after the verdict and sentence, Judge Lyon adjourned the court for the term and left this afternoon for Goldsboro, where he will hold Wayne court this week.

LAY CORNERSTONE

Interesting Ceremonies at Inauguration of Administration.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., April 4.—There was an inspiring ceremony at 1 o'clock this afternoon attending the laying of the cornerstone of the new Raleigh High School building. The ceremony was presided over by the Rev. James Blount Cheshire, Bishop of the Diocese, who was in charge of the ceremony. The ceremony was attended by a large number of interested spectators. An address by Bishop Cheshire was a principal feature.

There was a luncheon in the afternoon at which there was much felicitous speech-making. The additions are the form of the new building, which is one corner-stone serving for both. About \$35,000 is being invested from the bequest of Miss Eleanor Clement, of Germantown, Pa., who was a teacher at St. Mary's back in the '50's. It is a notable fact that since the school was secured by the Episcopal Church of the Carolinas something like \$15,000 has been invested in improvements, most notable being the enlarged chapel, the fine auditorium and the two wings being added at this time.

Pleased With Prospects.

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RALEIGH, N. C., April 4.—Hon. J. V. Ligon, who is president of the Association of Superintendents of Public Instruction, of the Southern States, and who is attending the annual conference in Atlanta, Ap., has been very much pleased with the prospects for the future of the Southern States, and at that time in the furtherance of the educational interests of the Southern States. A keynote is the improvement of the public schools. A host of the greatest workers in the educational world are to take part in the program and developments of decidedly significant character are expected. Among the subsidiary organizations to meet are the Association of Superintendents of the Southern States, conference of campaign managers, supervisors of school improvement in the Southern States, conference of high school inspectors, in which North Carolina will be represented by N. W. Walker, North Carolina Inspector; Southern Association of College and University Presidents, and the Southern States special conference for the State of Georgia.

Notes From High Point.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

HIGH POINT, N. C., April 4.—Owing to the absence of Mr. Hudson, of the National Agricultural Department, the farmers' convention, which was to have been held here Friday, has been postponed. Mr. Hudson had an appointment in Concord and could not get here in time.

The Teaguetown Milling and Lumber Co., owned by Hornoy Bros. and M. F. Sague, is not destroyed by fire Friday. Origin unknown.

At the mass-meeting last night at the auditorium rink by the friends and supporters of the candidates for Mayor, who were nominated for Mayor, and a Board of Aldermen named to run with him. In the voting contest for Mayor, being conducted by the view, High Point paper, the first round shows Mr. Tate slightly in the lead of other candidates. No one but a qualified voter or one who expects to qualify is expected to send in their votes and therefore, straw vote is becoming interesting and is expected to show which way the wind is blowing until the next round of election. It is expected that enough will be known to name the winning candidate for Mayor and most probably a number of the Aldermen, if not all.

Corn Cultivation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., April 4.—The July bulletin of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture will be devoted to the culture of corn in all its phases, with a view to co-operating with the general movement on in this State for the awakening of interest in the cultivation of this crop by the farmers.

Is to love children, and no home can be happy without them, yet the ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass usually is so full of suffering and dread that she looks forward to the hour with apprehension. Mother's Friend, by its penetrating and soothing properties, allays nausea, nervousness, unpleasant feelings, and so prepares the system for the ordeal that she passes through the event with but little suffering, as numbers have testified and said, "It is worth its weight in gold."

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REMEDIAL THERAPY

Yellow House, One of State's Historic Structures, Destroyed by Fire.

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"Yellow House" was more than two hundred years old, and was the scene of many notable events during the Revolutionary and civil war times. General George Washington stopped there while on his way to Braddock's relief at Fort Duquesne during the conflict between the States. It was the home of Miss Rachel Wright, whose information to the British was of such value to the Federal army during his valley campaign that congress voted a gold medal in appreciation of her services. The origin of the fire is unknown.

EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Final Meeting of Session for Lancaster County Highly Successful.

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LANCASTER, VA., April 4.—In spite of unpropitious weather, many teachers and visitors attended the meeting of the Lancaster Education Association held at Irvington yesterday. The meeting was held in the large public hall, and Hon. John Curlett, president of the association, presided. The Rev. E. F. Garner, of the Methodist Church, opened the exercises with prayer. Principal A. C. Taubman, of the Winchester High School, read a paper on the teaching of Latin and German in public high schools. In the course of which he expressed a decided preference for German on the ground of general utility. Hon. John Curlett, president of the association, and principal of the Winchester High School, delivered a very luminous lecture on the teaching of arithmetic in the elementary grades. Frank P. Brent, Esq., principal of the Lancaster High School, read a paper on the teaching of history and civics in the grammar and high school grades, in which he criticized the textbooks on United States history now authorized for use in the Virginia schools for their lack of literary quality, inability to interest and inspire pupils, their unattractive appearance, and their utter disregard of historical perspective.

Dr. George H. Oliver, a dentist and prominent citizen of Irvington, discussed briefly the duty of the duty of parents to co-operate with teachers in maintaining discipline and promoting studious habits and good morals and manners among the pupils. Dr. Frank W. Lewis, the Superintendent of Schools, read a paper on the views expressed by Dr. Oliver, and urging the people to use their efforts to secure an increased county district levy for the schools next session.

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ONANCOCK, VA., April 4.—The directors of the L. L. Dickinson Banking Company, of Chincoteague Island, have decided to incorporate the company to secure a charter as a national bank. Mr. Dickinson, who has been president since its organization, has been elected as its successor.

Gunning on the seashore has been good this year. One of the John Foster and brother killed fifty-seven wild geese and forty-five red-heads and black ducks.

The first sturgeon catch of the season on the Atlantic was made Friday by Captain Samuel Mason near Wallops Island. It weighed over two large tons that netted him \$195.

Dr. John W. Kellam, deputy grand master of Masons for Virginia, has returned from a six weeks' trip to Mexico and Texas.

Hon. H. St. George Tucker made an address at Parley yesterday morning. He is to be at the courthouse Monday.

Hon. Robert Catlett, candidate for Attorney-General, is also announced for an address at the courthouse Monday.

A part of the land belonging to the estate of Mrs. E. S. Pitts, sold last Saturday at what was called a "low" price. The move has been made by the late Capt. Pitts, who has been offered on two other tracts. During this week the farm belonging to the late Captain Benjamin S. Rich on Holly creek, containing 101 acres, was sold privately to Captain William N. Lang for \$10,000.

General Cleaning Up.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 4.—Lynchburg will have a general clean-up next Thursday. The move has been initiated by the Woman's Club. Citizens will clean in and around their premises, and teams from the Engineering Department will remove the refuse. The women propose to make this an annual event, and will have the full cooperation of the city authorities.

Will Build Bridge.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., April 4.—Curtis & Shrumway, contractors, who recently secured the contract to complete the Southern bridge over the James River, are rapidly getting machinery and materials on hand for beginning work. The bridge will be the highest and longest in the State, on the entire system of the Southern.

For Associated Charities.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., April 4.—F. H. McLean, who is representing the National Associated Charities here, addressed a meeting this afternoon at the Hill City Assembly Hall in an effort to assist the organization of the Lynchburg Associated Charities. Mr. McLean had previously made a number of addresses to private audiences last week, and to-day was his first public appearance.

Judge Williams Renominated.

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Growing Sentiment Toward Independent Thought May Affect Both Political Factions.

VOTERS GROWING FICKLE

Tennessee Badly Split Over Question of Prohibition—How Other States Fare.

BY C. A. BOYCE.

Rarely before in the history of American politics have the two leading political parties of the country been so racked and torn by internal discord, nor was there ever a time when party obligations appeared to rest so lightly upon the hearts and consciences of the voters.

Based upon this condition of affairs, which must be apparent to those who keep a close watch upon the trends of public matters throughout the country, there is already a widespread belief, that unless there is an early and successful effort to rehabilitate the fast fading party lines, they may almost entirely disappear amid chaos and confusion within the next few years. Old-time leaders are of opinion that unless some strong, steady hand is stretched forth to stem the tide of independence which seems to be sweeping over the voters, a general "small-up," followed by a new alignment of forces, may come at any time. Ugly factional differences exist in the ranks of both the old parties, and they appear to extend all the way up, from local meetings in the rural communities, to the very seat of government at Washington.

Factions in Congress.

Even in the United States Congress, where party caucuses were wont to settle the policies and control the action of Democrats and Republicans alike, there are members in both camps in open rebellion against their leaders, and frequently happens that on matters concerning the welfare of the whole people, "insurgent" Republicans line up with Champ Clark, the Democratic floor leader, and "insurgent" Democrats take their stand by Payne and Dabney and Joseph Cannon, the Republican measures and policies. The tariff appears no longer to be a strict party issue, and each member seems to be looking out mainly for the people of his district.

In Massachusetts and other Eastern States, while there are protection Democrats in Louisiana, Virginia and other sections of the South, who want a tariff on tobacco, peanuts, and other products of their soil, as a result of local conditions, and in the face of the oft-repeated doctrine of the two parties on the subject.

How Started Early.

At the very outset of the present session of Congress, trouble broke out between the ranks of both parties, and it promises to become more aggravated as the days go by. But for their overwhelming majority, the Republicans would suffer as much as the Democrats as a result of the losses.

However, that they do not actually need the "insurgents" who broke away from them and voted with the Democrats on questions relating to the new rules, for nearly as many "insurgent" Democrats lined up with them, and stood with their backs to the ranks of "chips on their shoulders," waiting for Champ Clark, or Ollie James, or some other leader of their own party, to knock them off, and start a new row in the authority camp.

Washington at war with themselves, and deterring their leader on many important questions; and with bitter disagreements in many of the State Legislatures that are strongly Democratic, there is apparently much ground for the fear expressed that something is done to bring about harmony, disastrous result, to the party may follow.

Both Parties Affected.

The side-stepping and twisting which has been going on in the politics of the country during the past few years, has affected both the old parties materially, but the Democrats seem, on the whole, to have gotten the "hot end of it."

As palpable evidence, however, that party lines are rapidly fading, it may be pointed out that it is coming to be altogether usual for a State to elect a Democratic or Republican Governor, and on the same day to cast its vote for a candidate for President, who is running on the platform of the opposite party. Moreover, it has happened at least twice within the past three years, that United States Senators representing one party were elected by Legislatures controlled by another. So arrogant and merciless has the Democratic machine become, that enough Democrats bolted the primary, and voted with the Republicans, to elect former Governor Bradley, who has been the Republican leader of the State for forty years. The other instance was in Oregon, where Governor Chambliss, a Republican, was elected to the Senate by a Legislature which was overwhelmingly Republican. Governor Chamberlain was nominated by a direct vote of the people.

Other Inconspicuous.

Many States furnished evidence of the fickleness of their voters in the last presidential election. Ohio and Indiana, both strongly Republican, gave their electoral votes to Taft, but chose Democratic Governors. Kentucky went for Bryan, though the year before a Republican was elected Governor by a large majority. Missouri,

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Colonel Barksdale's prominence in the business and social world, Colonel Barksdale was active in civic affairs, having been for fifteen years a member of the Board of Aldermen of the city, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Rev. Board of Health, and of a number of clubs and other organizations.

The funeral will be held to-morrow at noon from the Second Presbyterian Church, in which he was for many years an officer, and will be conducted by the Rev. Ernest Cowh, D. D. Interment will be made in Hollywood Cemetery.

Colonel Barksdale, for many years one of the leaders of the tobacco trade of Richmond, died last night about 8 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frederick Pleasants, 210 Shafter Street, after a long illness. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 12 o'clock from the Second Presbyterian Church.

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